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In re Application of: **Binz DeWalch**

Application No.: **10/677,918**

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Preparation**

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REQUEST FOR STATUS CHECK

The above-identified patent application was originally filed on October 2, 2003. In view of the delay in issuance of a first Office Action, Applicant kindly asks that the Office check on the status of the case, and thereafter estimate the approximate timeframe during which substantive examination can be expected.

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